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SUBJECT: CHANGES IN JAPANESE INTEREST RATES

1. SUMMARY: THIS CABLE RECAPS CHANGES IN IMPORTANT INTEREST RATES IN JAPAN SINCE JANUARY 1, 1977. GIVEN THE FAIRLY SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN RATES ASSOCIATED WITH THE MARCH AND APRIL DISCOUNT RATE CUTS, EMBASSY BELIEVES INTERESTED WASHINGTON AGENCIES MAY FIND SUCH A RECAPITULATION USEFUL. END SUMMARY.

NEW RATE OLD RATE REDUCTION EFFECTIVE DATE

(NEW MAY) (1/1/77) (JAN-MAY) LATEST CH

ANGE

(1) SHORT-TERM LENDING RATES:

BOJ OFFICIAL DISCOUNT RATE $\,\,$ 5.0 $\,\,$ 6.5 $\,$ 1.5 $\,$ 4/19

COMMERCIAL BANK PRIME LEND-

ING RATE 5.25 6.75 1.5 4/22

CALL MONEY RATE (UNCONDITIONAL) 5.25 7.00 1.75 5/24

(2) LONG-TERM LENDING RATES:

A. TRUST FUND BUREAU LOANS 6.75 7.5 0.75 6/1

(7 YRS OR MORE)

(SEE NOTE AT END)

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B. GOVT-AFFILIATED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIOS (STANDARD LENDING RATE

EXCEPT FOR JAPAN EX-IM BANK):

JAPAN DEVELOPMENT BANK 8.4 9.2 0.8 4/28

PEOPLE'S FINANCE CORP 8.1 8.9 0.8 4/28

SMALL BUSINESS FINAANCE CORP 8.1 8.9 0.8 4/28

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VELOPMENT CORP 8.4 9.2 0.8 4/28

ENVIRONMENT/SANITATION BUSINESS

FINANCE CORP 8.1 8.9 0.8 4/28

CENTRAL BANK FOR COMMERCIAL

AND INDUSTRIAL COOPS:

SHORT-TERM LOANS 7.5 8.375 0.875 4/28

LONG-TERM LOANS (5 YEARS

OR MORE) 8.6 9.4 0.8 4/28

JAPAN EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

(MAXIMUM LIMIT) 9.0 9.0 NO CHANGE

C. OTHER LONG-TERM LENDING RATES:

HOUSING LOANS (CITY BANKS,

11-20 YEARS) 8.4 9.0 0.6 5/9

CONSUME LOANS (CITY BANKS,

2 YEARS) 11.25 12.00 0.75 EXPECTED EARLY

JULY

K(3) SAVING DEPOSIT RATES:

A. BANK DEPOSITS:

ORDINARY DEPOSITS 2.00 2.50 0.5 4/4

DEPOSITS AT NOTICE 2.25 2.75 0.5 4/4

DEPOSITS FOR TAX PAYMENTS 2.75 3.25 0.5 4/4

SPECIAL DEPOSITS 2.00 2.50 0.5 4/4

TIME DEPOSITS:

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B. POSTAL SAVINGS:

ORDINARY SAVINGS 3,36 3,84 0.48 5/21
INSTALLMENT SAVINGS 4.20 4.56 0.36 5/21
TIME SAVING (1 YEAR) 5.75 6.75 1.00 5/21

SAVINGS CERTIFICATES:

6 MONTHS AND MORE 4.25 5.00 0.75 5/21
1 YEAR AND MORE 4.75 5.50 0.75 5/21
1 YEAR AND HALF AND MORE 5,50 6,25 0.75 5/21
2 YEARS AND MORE 5.75 6.75 1.00 5/21
3 YEARS AND MORE 6.00 7.00 1.00 5/21

(4) BOND YIELDS TO SUBSCRIBERS AND OTHER RATES:

INDUSTRIAL BONDS (AA-RATED,

10 YEARS) 8.090 8.894 0.804 MAY ISSUES

GOVT BONDS (10 YEARS) 7.487 8.227 0.74 MAY ISSUES

GOVT-GUARANTEED BONDS

(10 YEARS) 7,676 8,391 0.715 MAY ISSUES

LOCAL GOVT BONDS 7.889 8.639 0.75 MAY ISSUES

BANK DEBENTURES:

5 YEARS 7.50 8.30 0.8 MAY ISSUES 3 YEARS 7.20 8.062 0.862 MAY ISSUES 1 YEARS 6.382 7.388 1.006 MAY ISSUES

DEPOSITS WITH TRUST COMPANIES

(PROVISIONAL DIVIDEND RATE):

5 YEARS 7.52 8.32 0.8 5/21 2 YEARS 6.20 7.20 1.0 5/21

GOVT SHORT-TERM BILLS

(60 DAYS) 4.914 5.677 0.763 APR 25 ISSUES

TRUST FUND BUREAU FUNDS ARE LOANED TO GOVT-FAFFILIATED AGENCIES, INCLUDING THE JAPAN DEVELOPMENT BANK AND JAPAN EXPORT-IMPORT BANK; PUBLIC CORPORATIONS SUCH AS THOSE FOR HOUSING AND HIGHWAYS; AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. THESE LOANS COME UNDER THE FISCAL LOAN AND INVESTMENT PROGRAM (FLIP) WHICH IS PROJECTED TO TOTAL YEN 13.6 TRILLION, IN JFY 1977. TRUST FUND BUREAU LOANS ARE EXPECTED TO COVER MORE THAN 80 PERCENT OF FLIP OUTLAYS. THE TRUST FUND BUREAU UNCLASSIFIED

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